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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and remarks be considered and made of record.

It is submitted that the amendments to the claims place them in condition for allowance and present no new matter.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10, 13-14, 17, 20-21, 23, 26-27, 30, 32-33, 35, 38-39, 42-47, 49, 53, and 60-63 were examined in the current office action.

Claims 9, 11, 22, 24, 34, 36, 48, 50-52, 54-56, and 58-59 have been withdrawn as reading on non-elected inventions.

Claims 5-6, 12, 15-16, 18-19, 25, 28-29, 31, 37, 40-41, and 57 have been canceled.

Claims 13, 14, 26, 27, 38, 39, 49, 53, and 60-63 are canceled with this amendment.

Claims 64 and 65 are added with this amendment.